

The Challenge

In Colombia, USAID aims to reduce the production of illicit drugs and promote peace. Colombia faces an array of inter-connected and complex challenges to its prosperity and stability. These include decades of internal conflict and violence conducted by illegal armed groups and fueled by the production of illicit drugs; forced displacement of non-combatants; a lack of state presence throughout large sections of the countryside; significant income/opportunity disparities, particularly among Colombia's large Afro-Colombian population; weak democratic and civil society institutions and corruption. Even so, Colombia is one of the U.S. Government's strongest regional partners. Along with both local and national governments, USAID is improving democratic-based institutions and policies promoting adherence to human rights; providing legal and sustainable alternative development opportunities; promoting economic and trade policy reforms, and supplying humanitarian assistance to the displaced.

Objectives, Sectors and Workforce

Mission Director: Liliana Ayalde

MCA Status: Currently Not Eligible

PEPFAR Focus Country: No

Provided or Received Services From Other Missions: Received

Program Budget (Appropriations by Objective)

	FY 2004 (\$000)	FY 2005 (\$000)	FY 2006 (\$000)	FY 2007 (\$000)	Percent Change FY 04-07	2005 SO Performance Score	
514-007 Democracy	23,950	22,607	19,500	19,700	-17.7%	1.17	Exceeded
514-008 Alternative Development	60,844	66,050	69,808	71,192	17.0%	1.55	Exceeded
514-009 Internally Displaced Persons	36,685	33,111	31,977	32,392	-11.7%	1.79	Exceeded
514-XXX Support for Demobilization and Reintegration	0	0	8,635	1,716	N/A	N/A	N/A
PL 480 Title II		3,419			N/A		
Country Total	121,479	125,187	129,920	125,000	2.9%		

Program Budget (Appropriations by Account)

	FY 2004 (\$000)	FY 2005 (\$000)	FY 2006 (\$000)	FY 2007 (\$000)	Percent Change FY 04-07
Andean Counterdrug Initiative	121,479	121,768	129,920	125,000	2.9%
PL 480 Title II	0	3,419	0	0	N/A
Total	121,479	125,187	129,920	125,000	2.9%

Program Budget by Sector and Account

		FY 2004 (\$000)	FY 2005 (\$000)	FY 2006 (\$000)	FY 2007 (\$000)	Percent Change FY 04-07
Agriculture and Environment	ACI	42,844	32,893	42,118	42,665	-0.4%
Higher Education & Training	ACI	0	3,310	2,348	2,389	N/A
Economic Growth	ACI	18,000	19,870	21,621	23,205	28.9%
Human Rights	ACI	3,950	0	0	0	N/A
Democracy and Governance	ACI	20,000	22,672	25,569	25,022	25.1%
Conflict Management / Humanitarian Assistance	ACI	36,685	39,713	35,916	29,330	-20.0%
Child Survival and Maternal Health	ACI	0	1,655	1,174	1,194	N/A
Vulnerable Children	ACI	0	1,655	1,174	1,195	N/A
PL 480 Title II			3,419			N/A
Total		121,479	125,187	129,920	125,000	2.9%

Workforce

	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007	Percent Change FY 04-07
US Direct Hires	11	15	16	16	45.5%
US Non Direct Hires	7	6	6	6	-14.3%
Foreign Nationals	47	53	56	58	23.4%
Total	65	74	78	80	23.1%

Operating Expense	FY 2004 (\$000)	FY 2005 (\$000)	FY 2006 (\$000)	FY 2007 (\$000)	Percent Change FY 04-07
Salaries and benefits	1,628	2,286	1,706	1,706	4.8%
Travel	332	349	480	480	44.6%
Transportation of things	67	177	187	187	179.1%
Rent	466	402	527	527	13.1%
Security	119	141	144	144	21.0%
Equipment	520	200	0	85	-83.7%
ICASS - Operating Expense only	351	286	300	300	-14.5%
Other Operating Expense	541	436	371	286	-47.1%
Total OE Budget	4,024	4,277	3,715	3,715	-7.7%
US direct hire salary and benefits	1,500	1,577	1,636	1,813	20.9%
Program Funded Administrative Expenses				3,098	
Country Total Administrative Budget				8,626	
Percent of Bureau OE Total				9.0%	

Mission Summary	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007
Program per US Direct Hire (\$000)	11,044	8,346	8,120	7,813
Program per All US (\$000)	6,749	5,961	5,905	5,682
Program per Position (\$000)	1,869	1,692	1,666	1,563
Operating Expense as % of Program Funding				3.0%
Program Funded Admin Expense as % of Total Admin				35.9%
Total Admin Expense as % of Program Funding				6.9%

Other Major Donors:

Bilateral: Germany, Canada, Japan, the Netherlands, Sweden, and Spain, Mexico, and Ireland.

Multilateral: The European Union, International Organization for Migration, United Nations, World Bank, and Inter-American Development Bank.

Colombia PROGRAM SUMMARY

(in thousands of dollars)

Accounts	FY 2004 Actual	FY 2005 Actual	FY 2006 Current	FY 2007 Request
Andean Counterdrug Initiative	121,479	121,768	129,920	125,000
PL 480 Title II	0	3,419	0	0
Total Program Funds	121,479	125,187	129,920	125,000

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE SUMMARY				
514-007 Democracy				
ACI	23,950	22,607	19,500	19,700
514-008 Alternative Development				
ACI	60,844	66,050	69,808	71,192
514-009 Internally Displaced Persons				
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514-XXX Support for Demobilization and Reintegration				
ACI	0	0	8,635	1,716

Mission Director,
Liliana Ayalde

Data Sheet

USAID Mission:	Colombia
Program Title:	Democracy
Pillar:	Democracy, Conflict and Humanitarian Assistance
Strategic Objective:	514-007
Status:	Continuing
Planned FY 2006 Obligation:	\$19,500,000 ACI
Prior Year Unobligated:	\$0
Proposed FY 2007 Obligation:	\$19,700,000 ACI
Year of Initial Obligation:	2000
Estimated Year of Final Obligation:	2008

Summary: USAID fosters increased participation, representation and accountability of democratic institutions and processes. The democracy program seeks to modernize the criminal justice system and promote access to justice for disenfranchised Colombians; promote and protect human rights; increase government transparency and accountability; and strengthen the Government of Colombia's (GOC's) ability to develop policy and implement activities supporting peace initiatives throughout Colombia. USAID is promoting the "Colombianization" of activities within GOC and civil society organizations by promoting private sector alliances and local capacity development.

Inputs, Outputs, Activities:

FY 2006 Program:

Promote and Support Anti-Corruption Reforms (\$3,100,000 ACI). USAID is providing technical assistance to 80 GOC entities to strengthen internal controls, implement ethics management standards, and develop information and communication systems. Approximately 265 citizen oversight groups are being strengthened through training, and financial and technical assistance. USAID supports a broad-based representational, participatory and accountability program, including strengthening citizen oversight strategies with private sector contributions. Prime implementer: Casals and Associates.

Protect Human Rights (\$8,700,000 ACI). USAID is providing technical assistance to strengthen human rights by supporting state and civil society organizations. Funds are being used to support efforts to prevent human rights abuses, such as the Early Warning System; enhance protection provided by civil society and the government entities; and strengthen human rights public policy implementation and civil society organizations. In addition, USAID continues to implement several of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights recommendations. Prime implementer: Management Sciences for Development and others to be determined through a competitive process.

Strengthen Democratic Political Parties (\$1,600,000 ACI). USAID is providing technical assistance to increase citizen participation by strengthening political processes and political reform efforts in Colombia. Activities focus on increasing responsiveness to previously disenfranchised constituent groups and strengthening of internal transparency and accountability practices. Technical assistance will also be provided to assist citizens groups on voter education and promote transparent democratic processes. Prime implementers: National Democratic Institute and International Republican Institute.

Strengthen the Justice Sector (\$6,100,000 ACI). USAID is providing technical assistance and training to implement the new Criminal Procedures Reform; strengthen court administration and management; increase access to justice (especially for underserved rural, conflict affected,

indigent and/or ethnically marginalized populations); and enhance civil society's roles in justice reform and modernization. Technical assistance is also helping institutionalize training units for the Public Defenders and Office of the Inspector General. Funds are being used to establish additional justice houses and to refurbish and equip courts, public defense offices, and Judicial Service Centers that conform to the requirements of the new accusatory system. Prime implementer: Checchi and Company, DPK Consulting, and others to be determined through a competitive process.

FY 2007 Program:

Promote And Support Anti-Corruption Reforms (\$4,200,000 ACI). USAID plans to promote participatory, representative and transparent governance by supporting the GOC and civil society in implementing the National Anti-Corruption Policy launched in 2005. Technical assistance will be provided to strengthen civil society's capabilities regarding oversight of public spending and promoting participatory budgeting at regional levels. Prime implementers: to be determined.

Protect Human Rights (\$8,800,000 ACI). USAID will continue strengthening fundamental human rights in Colombia, focusing on the most conflictive regions. Constructive policy dialogue between the GOC and civil society in the areas of prevention, protection and response is a high priority. Technical assistance is planned to be used to strengthen prevention mechanisms, such as the Early Warning System; increase protection by supporting the Ministry of Interior and Justice protection and communities-at-risk projects; and strengthen state entities dealing with human rights public policy implementation and civil society organizations. Funds will also be used to provide technical assistance to strengthen civil society organizations' capacity to ensure the GOC adheres to minimum human rights standards and increases protection of highly vulnerable groups. Prime implementers: to be determined.

Strengthen Democratic Political Parties (\$1,600,000 ACI). USAID seeks to strengthen the political party system from across the political spectrum in Colombia to ensure democratic, representative and responsive organizations. Technical assistance is planned to strengthen political party's ability to improve two-way constituent communication and internal organization and improve outreach to marginalized groups strengthening civic participation. Technical assistance is also planned to strengthen local party structures, with particular focus on the social and political representation of Afro-Colombian and other ethnic communities. Prime implementers: to be determined.

Strengthen the Justice Sector (\$5,100,000 ACI). USAID plans to continue assisting in justice modernization and oral accusatory system reform in jurisdictions such as Medellin, Cali, Buga and outlying areas. Technical assistance will be used to expand and strengthen provision of justice services through additional Justice House and conciliation programs and by training justice sector actors such as public defenders and personnel within the Office of the Inspector General. USAID also plans to improve civil society capacity in monitoring, assessing, advocating, and mobilizing justice reform initiatives, as well as promoting and providing justice reform and modernization services. Efforts will especially focus on geographically isolated, or economically and socially disenfranchised or marginalized populations. Prime implementers: to be determined.

Performance and Results: Significant advances have been made in the democracy and governance program. First, two GOC human rights programs developed and implemented with substantial USAID support received important commendation from the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, the Inter-American Commission on International Humanitarian Law, and the Organization for American States. Second, USAID's justice reform program and the new criminal procedure code accusatory system reform succeeded in reducing time-to-trial in pilot jurisdictions by up to 90%. Similarly, in accusatory system reform pilot jurisdictions, approximately 70% of the cases are being plea-bargained and adjudicated within weeks rather than the customary wait of several years under the previous system. Demonstrating support for building a full time state-funded public defense system, the Colombian Congress and the GOC

are demonstrating commitment to this crucial service for the poor by enacting a Public Defense System Law. They are also doubling the budget for the pilot Public Defender program, which was created with USAID assistance. Third, concerning government accountability and anti-corruption initiatives, in 2005 President Uribe signed a decree based on a USAID model mandating a new Internal Control System for all executive branch offices. In addition, the private sector has made significant contributions in supporting and expanding citizen oversight of public investment. Finally, under Peace Initiatives, the Tracking and Monitoring System in place for monitoring progress of the demobilization and reincorporation process is being used by key GOC officials to guide policy decisions.

By FY 2008, USAID expects that the strengthened institutional foundation will ensure increased protection of human rights, access to justice, and accountable regional governments and political institutions.

US Financing in Thousands of Dollars

Colombia

514-007 Democracy	ACI	DA	ESF	Plan Colombia
Through September 30, 2004				
Obligations	74,072	52	83,842	47,000
Expenditures	43,881	52	80,478	45,549
Unliquidated	30,191	0	3,364	1,451
Fiscal Year 2005				
Obligations	22,277	0	0	0
Expenditures	32,798	0	2,975	1,355
Through September 30, 2005				
Obligations	96,349	52	83,842	47,000
Expenditures	76,679	52	83,453	46,904
Unliquidated	19,670	0	389	96
Prior Year Unobligated Funds				
Obligations	0	0	0	0
Planned Fiscal Year 2006 NOA				
Obligations	19,000	0	0	0
Total Planned Fiscal Year 2006				
Obligations	19,000	0	0	0
Proposed Fiscal Year 2007 NOA				
Obligations	19,000	0	0	0
Future Obligations	19,000	0	0	0
Est. Total Cost	153,349	52	83,842	47,000

Data Sheet

USAID Mission:	Colombia
Program Title:	Alternative Development
Pillar:	Economic Growth, Agriculture and Trade
Strategic Objective:	514-008
Status:	Continuing
Planned FY 2006 Obligation:	\$69,808,000 ACI
Prior Year Unobligated:	\$0
Proposed FY 2007 Obligation:	\$71,192,000 ACI
Year of Initial Obligation:	2000
Estimated Year of Final Obligation:	2008

Summary: USAID's alternative development program creates an environment for sustainable and equitable economic growth to create permanent licit alternative income-generation opportunities in areas vulnerable to drug production and trafficking. The program stimulates increased private investment and creates the policy and institutional conditions required to sustain and accelerate private investment-based job and income creation. Components of the program also link alternative development to improved local governance, providing the critical nexus of physical, social, and security infrastructure services necessary to permanently strengthen social ties between the state and its citizenry in vulnerable communities.

Inputs, Outputs, Activities:

FY 2006 Program:

Develop and Expand Alternative Development (\$36,000,000 ACI): USAID is providing technical assistance, training and logistical support through an innovative program to combat illicit crops by exploring economic opportunities and social alternatives while strengthening municipalities and implementing community development activities in selected areas. Working with farmer groups, non-governmental organizations, local business associations, and other organizations, USAID will promote production of licit crops on approximately 20,000 hectares to generate alternative employment and increase licit agricultural outputs and exports. An estimated 15,000 families are expected to benefit under this program that promotes agricultural and non-agricultural economic alternatives. In addition, USAID is assisting nonagricultural small and medium-sized private enterprises to generate employment. Prime contractors include: Associates in Rural Development (ARD), Carana, Panamerican Development Foundation (PADF), Agricultural Cooperative Development International/Volunteers for Overseas Cooperative Assistance (ACDI/VOCA), Land O'Lakes and Chemonics.

Improve Economic Policy and the Business Environment (\$2,000,000 ACI): Technical assistance is being promoting critical policy and regulatory reforms needed to enhance the efficiency of financial markets and promote the development of innovative financial instruments. Over \$20 million of the small and medium-sized private enterprise capital fund previously leveraged from private sector institutions will be invested to promote sustainable extension of competitive financial services to small businesses and expand licit economic opportunities. Prime implementer: Small Enterprise Assistance Fund.

Improve Private Sector Competitiveness (\$22,308,000 ACI): USAID is providing technical assistance and training to mobilize private sector investment in agribusiness, forestry, and small and medium enterprise in economic growth regions. Investments are providing increased employment and farmer income for a largely rural-based labor force in areas certified to be free of illicit crops. USAID will work with national level institutions in the public and private sectors to improve the investment environment, including trade capacity building and policy reform. Prime contractor: ARD.

Improve Sustainable Management of Natural Resources and Biodiversity (\$2,100,000 ACI): USAID will provide technical assistance and training to promote sustainable agroforestry in or near national parks to improve the overall management of the Colombian park system. Technical assistance is helping to improve management of critical buffer zones around national parks in order to sustain the rich biodiversity of the country and to thwart the introduction of illicit crops in these areas. USAID supports non-governmental organizations working with indigenous communities to strengthen local governance and preserve traditional culture. Prime implementers: Amazon Conservation Team, Chemonics, and the U.S. Department of Interior Park Service.

Support Democratic Local Government and Decentralization (\$7,400,000 ACI): USAID will provide technical assistance for local governance activities in 50 municipalities to improve services and strengthen their fiscal soundness. USAID is implementing local infrastructure projects such as road improvements, schools, sewage and water systems. Technical assistance will engage communities in collective decision-making and actions to eliminate illicit crop production and narco-trafficking activities. Citizen oversight committees are being formed in approximately 30 participating municipalities. Prime contractor is ARD.

FY 2007 Program:

Develop and Expand Alternative Development (\$35,050,000 ACI): USAID will continue activities that expand economic and social alternatives to illicit drug crop production in selected municipalities. The program will continue to emphasize private sector participation, sustainability and increased Colombian ownership. Activities will include community level income generation efforts directly linked to the elimination of illicit crops, small scale socio-economic infrastructure investments, and local government strengthening. Prime contractors: ARD, PADF, and ACIDI/VOCA.

Improve Private Sector Competitiveness (\$36,142,000 ACI): USAID will continue providing technical assistance to mobilize private sector investment in alternatives to illicit drug production, including agribusiness production, commercial forestry and forest product development, small and medium enterprise development, and related policy reforms and institutional strengthening to create an improved economic growth-enabling environment. Prime contractor: ARD.

Performance and Results: In FY 2005, USAID made significant progress in implementing the alternative development program despite major challenges caused by continuing insecurity in target areas. USAID increased the amount of licit crops to 21,268 hectares and completed 147 infrastructure projects in seventeen departments, in known coca and poppy growing areas. The program has benefited over 20,465 families. USAID's successful alternative development program convinced small farmers to abandon illegal crop production, and enabled the generation of 41,171 full-time equivalent jobs. By FY 2008, a cumulative total of approximately 150,000 hectares of licit crops benefiting over 120,000 families and 170,000 full-time jobs will be created, and about 1,200 infrastructure projects will be completed.

US Financing in Thousands of Dollars

Colombia

514-008 Alternative Development	ACI	ESF	Plan Colombia
Through September 30, 2004			
Obligations	163,798	53,000	42,500
Expenditures	78,029	49,185	41,153
Unliquidated	85,769	3,815	1,347
Fiscal Year 2005			
Obligations	67,768	-25	0
Expenditures	48,230	1,317	1,089
Through September 30, 2005			
Obligations	231,566	52,975	42,500
Expenditures	126,259	50,502	42,242
Unliquidated	105,307	2,473	258
Prior Year Unobligated Funds			
Obligations	0	0	0
Planned Fiscal Year 2006 NOA			
Obligations	67,705	0	0
Total Planned Fiscal Year 2006			
Obligations	67,705	0	0
Proposed Fiscal Year 2007 NOA			
Obligations	68,180	0	0
Future Obligations	69,200	0	0
Est. Total Cost	436,651	52,975	42,500

Data Sheet

USAID Mission:	Colombia
Program Title:	Internally Displaced Persons
Pillar:	Democracy, Conflict and Humanitarian Assistance
Strategic Objective:	514-009
Status:	Continuing
Planned FY 2006 Obligation:	\$31,977,000 ACI
Prior Year Unobligated:	\$0
Proposed FY 2007 Obligation:	\$32,392,000 ACI
Year of Initial Obligation:	2000
Estimated Year of Final Obligation:	2008

Summary: USAID's Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) program provides economic and social assistance to persons displaced by civil strife and violence and other vulnerable groups, including child ex-combatants, Afro-Colombians, youth at risk of recruitment by illegal armed groups. The communities in which IDPs reside are also assisted. USAID-funded activities are focused on medium and long term solutions leading to the sustainable re-integration of IDPs and former child combatants into mainstream Colombian society through programs at the national and local levels. Whenever possible, the Government of Colombia (GOC) prefers that IDPs return to their original places of residence. USAID supports this concept, but recognizes that in many cases return is not a viable option, either in the short or long term and that a complex mix of interventions must be undertaken to accomplish the ultimate goal of reintegrating this diverse group back into Colombian society.

Inputs, Outputs, Activities:

FY 2006 Program:

Support Populations at Risk (\$31,977,000 ACI). USAID is providing technical assistance, training, and other resources to assist Colombia's IDP population estimated at up to 3.4 million people and other vulnerable groups who have been affected by years of civil strife and conflict caused by social inequities and the production and trafficking of illegal drugs. This assistance is enabling IDPs and the communities in which they reside to receive psycho-social support to cope with the traumas associated with displacement and assist in addressing land tenure issues. Assistance is being provided to ensure the education of 4,500 children and provide access to health care for 7,800 people. In FY 2006, some 1,800 full time jobs are expected to be created and 2,200 vocational training students are expected to graduate from USAID assistance. An assessment of the status of IDPs living in the 111 target municipalities is being conducted in order to better target future assistance and to ensure that basic needs, such as housing, health care, and education, are met for this vulnerable population.

USAID financial assistance and P.L. 480 Title II commodities help support World Food Program (WFP) activities in Colombia. WFP provides targeted food rations to protect and stabilize the livelihoods of an estimated 499,000 displaced and other vulnerable persons, and enhance resistance to nutritional shocks experienced by IDPs as they make the initial transition to greater self-sufficiency during the first six months of displacement. The program also enables schools in receptor communities to provide for the nutritional needs of displaced and vulnerable school children.

Technical assistance is being provided to strengthen the management systems of Colombian private and public sector institutions to enable these organizations to provide effective support to IDPs and facilitate their reintegration into Colombian society. USAID is strengthening nongovernmental organizations and community groups working with internally displaced persons by training their employees and providing technical assistance to strengthen their information technology systems, financial systems, reporting and record keeping systems, and personnel systems.

At the national level, USAID provides GOC agencies with technical assistance to support IDP policy development, program design, and budget requests that will help them to apply key policies more effectively at all institutional levels. At the departmental level, USAID assists governors in developing departmental guidelines that support national policies. At the municipal level, USAID is working with local Committees for Attention to IDPs, helping them identify priorities and resources which they can apply at local and departmental levels. USAID is supporting institutional strengthening measures such as land titling, tax registry improvement, and other initiatives that directly improve the ability of local government to provide services to IDPs and other vulnerable populations.

Principal grantees and implementing partners: International Organization for Migration, the Pan American Development Foundation, a variety of other local and international non-governmental organizations, and numerous public-sector entities.

FY 2007 Program:

Support Populations at Risk (\$32,392,000 ACI). USAID will continue to strengthen national and local capacity to provide an integrated package of services to IDPs and other vulnerable groups. By strengthening public and private Colombian humanitarian assistance institutions, USAID will help IDPs gain access to job training and placement, health care and counseling, improved nutrition, shelter and housing, income generation, and educational opportunities. Principal grantees will include the Pan American Development Foundation, the International Organization for Migration, the GOC's Presidential Agency for Social Action and International Cooperation, and a number of local and national non-governmental organizations.

Performance and Results: During FY 2005, USAID's programs improved the lives of 584,000 IDPs and people living in receptor communities and 556 former child combatants. Throughout the life of these activities, USAID has leveraged almost \$85 million through strategic alliances with public and private sector partners. The commitment that is being demonstrated by the private sector, civil society, and the GOC to collectively address issues surrounding the growing displaced population ensures long-term sustainability and increases the impact of USAID's interventions in this sector. USAID, and its implementing partners, are widely acknowledged to be the catalysts that are spearheading this important effort at the national, regional, and most importantly, local levels.

By the end of FY 2008, USAID will have assisted more than 1.7 million IDPs and an additional 1.1 million vulnerable persons. This represents a serious effort to address Colombia's displaced population of more than 3.4 million people and the estimated 11,000 child combatants.

US Financing in Thousands of Dollars

Colombia

514-009 Internally Displaced Persons	ACI	ESF	Plan Colombia
Through September 30, 2004			
Obligations	92,070	36,600	30,000
Expenditures	44,316	36,578	30,000
Unliquidated	47,754	22	0
Fiscal Year 2005			
Obligations	32,000	0	0
Expenditures	37,562	2	-20
Through September 30, 2005			
Obligations	124,070	36,600	30,000
Expenditures	81,878	36,580	29,980
Unliquidated	42,192	20	20
Prior Year Unobligated Funds			
Obligations	0	0	0
Planned Fiscal Year 2006 NOA			
Obligations	31,000	0	0
Total Planned Fiscal Year 2006			
Obligations	31,000	0	0
Proposed Fiscal Year 2007 NOA			
Obligations	31,000	0	0
Future Obligations	31,000	0	0
Est. Total Cost	217,070	36,600	30,000

Data Sheet

USAID Mission:	Colombia
Program Title:	Support for Demobilization and Reintegration
Pillar:	Democracy, Conflict and Humanitarian Assistance
Strategic Objective:	514-XXX
Status:	New in FY 2006
Planned FY 2006 Obligation:	\$8,635,000 ACI
Prior Year Unobligated:	\$0
Proposed FY 2007 Obligation:	\$1,716,000 ACI
Year of Initial Obligation:	2006
Estimated Year of Final Obligation:	2008

Summary: USAID supports the Government of Colombia's (GOC's) efforts to demobilize and reintegrate illegal armed groups back into Colombian civil society and facilitate reconciliation and the delivery of reparations to victims of the country's armed conflict. The program provides technical assistance, institutional strengthening, and implementation support for: reconciliation and reparations to victims; monitoring and verification of the demobilization and reintegration process; implementation of the legal framework for demobilization and reintegration; and reintegration of ex-combatants, including children.

Inputs, Outputs, Activities:

FY 2006 Program:

Mitigate Conflict and Support Peace (\$635,000 ACI). USAID is providing technical assistance and administrative and logistical support to the newly created National Reconciliation and Reparations Commission (NRRC) directed by the Office of the Vice President. USAID assistance is building the capacity of the NRRC to promote reconciliation and delivery of reparations to victims through: the development of the legal and regulatory framework and implementation systems of the NRRC; the development and effective management of the Victims' Reparations Fund for collective and individual reparation; the development and effective management of a victims and reparation assets database for the administration, monitoring and reporting of reparations; and effective and efficient asset identification and recovery for use in victims' reparations. Principal grantee: to be determined.

Strengthen Public Sector Executive Function (\$3,500,000 ACI). USAID is providing financial assistance to the Organization of American States for the verification of the disarmament, demobilization and reincorporation of all demobilizing members of illegal armed groups to provide credible monitoring and feedback to strengthen accountability of the GOC programs. USAID funded technical assistance is strengthening the capacity of the GOC's Office of the High Commissioner for Peace to negotiate and oversee the disarmament and demobilization of the Colombian illegal armed groups. USAID is providing the Ministry of Interior and Justice's Reintegration Program with technical assistance and training to: consolidate and expand the tracking, monitoring and evaluation system; expand the national network of Reference and Opportunities Centers where ex-combatants receive guidance, orientation and referral services that promote reintegration; strengthen the collaboration between municipal and departmental governments and the reintegration program to ensure timely responses for access to health, education, and other reintegration benefits, and to promote the development and implementation of regional reintegration programs; and develop communication and public information activities to promote program transparency and accountability as well as public support for the program. USAID provides financial and technical support to the Colombian Institute of Family Welfare for the implementation of programs to reintegrate child ex-combatants and prevent the recruitment of high-risk children and youth by illegal armed groups. During FY 2006, at least 350 children (i.e., up to 18 years) will be assisted. Principal grantee: to be determined.

Strengthen the Justice Sector (\$500,000 ACI). USAID is providing technical assistance, logistical support and/or training to prosecutors, judges, public defenders, investigators and victims' advocates to ensure proper enforcement of the legal processes for ex-combatants within the legal framework for demobilization and reintegration. This support is being coordinated with the U.S. Department of Justice's

justice sector reform efforts in Colombia. Additionally, the GOC's Inspector General and Ombudsman offices are being strengthened to perform an effective oversight role in the demobilization and reintegration process. Principal grantee: to be determined.

Support Populations at Risk (\$4,000,000 ACI). USAID is supporting activities aimed at the successful and sustainable reintegration of ex-combatants from the demobilized illegal armed groups. Technical assistance is being provided: to strengthen delivery of educational, vocational and social development training as well as job placement, job creation and income generation initiatives by public/private sectors and non-governmental organizations in support of the reintegration process of demobilized combatants; for effective outreach and alliance building with the private sector to open access to private sector opportunities for ex-combatants; to increase access to income generating opportunities for the demobilized and their receptor communities through the development and implementation of regional reintegration by municipal and regional governments; and for a community outreach program for both demobilized persons and the communities into which they are reintegrating that will assist community residents in better understanding the reintegration program and address concerns and questions about the process. Principal grantee: to be determined.

FY 2007 Program:

Strengthen Public Sector Executive Function (\$1,716,000 ACI). USAID will continue to support the Colombian Institute of Family Welfare with the implementation of programs to reintegrate child ex-combatants and prevent the recruitment of high-risk children and youth by illegal armed groups. During FY 2007, at least 350 children (up to 18 years of age) will be assisted.

Performance and Results: This program begins in FY 2006. Successful implementation of the program should result in a strengthened demobilization and reintegration process through the proper enforcement and implementation of the legal framework; credible verification and monitoring of the demobilization and reintegration process; the delivery of multisectoral yet integrated reintegration services and support to ex-combatants; and a consolidated vehicle for promoting reconciliation and delivering reparations to conflict victims.

US Financing in Thousands of Dollars

Colombia

514-XXX Support for Demobilization and Reintegration	ACI
Through September 30, 2004	
Obligations	0
Expenditures	0
Unliquidated	0
Fiscal Year 2005	
Obligations	0
Expenditures	0
Through September 30, 2005	
Obligations	0
Expenditures	0
Unliquidated	0
Prior Year Unobligated Funds	
Obligations	0
Planned Fiscal Year 2006 NOA	
Obligations	8,500
Total Planned Fiscal Year 2006	
Obligations	8,500
Proposed Fiscal Year 2007 NOA	
Obligations	1,500
Future Obligations	1,500
Est. Total Cost	11,500